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University President Ronald Roskens points out budget cuts to members of the Appropriations Committee.

Officials must face the 'reality of the gun' preparing budget cuts

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

University of Nebraska president Ronald Roskens recommended that \$683,000 be trimmed from UNO's 1985-86 budget in a hearing before the State Legislature's Appropriations Committee Tuesday. The UNO cuts are part of a \$4.9 million budget reduction system-wide.

The cuts were made at the request of Gov. Robert Kerrey who called a special session of the Legislature last week due to a shortfall in revenue. Kerrey requested a 3 percent cut in the university and most state agency budgets for the current fiscal year, to help reduce \$18.1 million from the state's budget.

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Roskens said UNO will freeze positions and reduce part-time faculty expenditures by \$377,000, more than half the total cuts. Instructional equipment will be reduced by \$125,000; equipment and travel, by \$60,000; the UNO Library, by \$71,000; and building repair and maintenance, by \$50,000.

Roskens also projected cuts totalling \$683,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986. Part-time faculty expenditure will be reduced by \$150,000. The Center for Applied Urban Research will be cut \$60,000. Intercollegiate athletics, the balance of state funding, will be cut by \$350,000. Support services, including business and finance, student services and others will be reduced by \$23,000.

Appropriations Committee chairman Jerome Warner of Waverly asked Roskens to make cuts totalling 5.6 percent because his calculations of the state shortfall exceeded the governor's total.

To meet that figure, Roskens said UNO would also have to drop the College of Continuing Studies, a savings of over \$300,000; cut the office of Grants Development by \$63,000; and cut \$93,000 in support services that could

result in the loss of A-line, B-line and C-line positions.

University Relations director Lou Cartier said the additional cuts are Warner's projections that have been disputed by the governor's office. He added those cuts should not be seen in the same light as those cuts made according to the governor's 3 percent guideline.

UNL was cut by \$2.7 million, \$1 million of which came from a freeze of positions and the reduction of part-time faculty expenditures. An additional \$345,000 would be saved by terminations of non-tenured faculty positions.

In the budget effective July 1, 1986, the bulk of the cuts will be absorbed by closing the University School of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. That will save \$1.3 million. A cut in intercollegiate athletics and funding to the Sports Center will save \$542,000. Another \$400,000 will be saved by a reduction in the extension agent's budget.

The 1985-86 Medical Center budget was cut by \$1.4 million with the bulk, \$770,000, coming from the reduction of part-time faculty expenditures and a hiring freeze.

Roskens did not provide figures for the Medical Center budget reductions beginning July 1, 1986, because he said it has a budget deficit of \$950,000 to be made up by a tuition increase. He added that the cuts will have to come out of its academic programs.

Roskens added that the Central Administration will be reduced by \$47,000 with \$42,000 coming from a freeze on hiring. For the budget effective July 1, 1986, the \$42,000 cut will come from terminations.

The Computing Services budget will be similarly handled. For the current budget, \$78,000 will come from a hiring freeze; \$33,000 will be saved through termination. Beginning July 1, 1986, the \$111,000 will be saved through eliminating employees and positions.

Warner said the committee will go into executive session to determine which programs will be eliminated. He said once that is done, the committee will then calculate an across-the-board figure that will correspond with the desired cuts.

He added the committee must act as if there will be no additional revenue because the Legislature hasn't yet authorized additional revenue.

The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene Oct. 28.



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KETV's Karen Kilgarin questions UNO student Claudine Schwertley during the demonstration held outside the capitol building.

Cuts bring UNO people together

Gov. Robert Kerrey brought them all together.

By calling the special session of the State Legislature last week, Kerrey set off a series of events that culminated in the Appropriations Committee hearing Tuesday afternoon. And because of it, it gave people who might not necessarily have anything in common, something in common. The following are listed alphabetically:

Paul Bryant. The only member of a minority to testify told the committee and the overflow crowd in the room that he received a four-year football scholarship to UNO, where he graduated in 1982. He said he might not have gone to college without the scholarship. He said he taught as a graduate assistant in the Goodrich program and received a Masters Degree in Urban Studies in 1984. An employee for InterNorth, he said he hopes to get his Masters in the College of Urban Education in December.

He is a consultant for Omaha police chief Richard Wadman, and for the Omaha Urban Development Corporation, a non-profit organization.

Bryant spoke evenly, precisely and softly. "I believe my education has been a benefit to society," he said. "Let's not take it away from other median students."

Melanie Burke, Allison Brown, Jim Carter, Claudine Schwertley, John Spethman and Mike West. They were among the 40 UNO students demonstrating outside the Capital Building. They shouted repeatedly "No budget cuts!"

The demonstration eventually pulled all of the television cameras out of the hearing and outside. Schwertley, a softball player, was interviewed by KETV's Karen Kilgarin.

A coalition of groups including women's athletics, student government, United Minority Students and the Nebraska State Student Association participated. The coalition plans on more activities protesting the cuts.

Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich. One of two members of the Appropriations Committee to oppose university budget cuts in May. He opposed the cut on intercollegiate athletics. He told the *Gateway* in June that he would work to prevent further cuts. "That's still

in effect," he said. But he said it will be difficult to gain revenue.

"I don't think there's enough votes to raise taxes during the special session," he said. But he said there are "too many alternatives" to make any prediction on the issue. "Call me in a week," he said Tuesday.

Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson. The chairman of the Revenue Committee and Pleasant Dale Sen. Harold Sieck, the vice chairman, have different opinions about the special session.

Johnson, an attorney, believes that Kerrey can set the agenda for the special session. He has indicated that budget cuts are in order and raise in taxes, especially income taxes are outside the call.

"That's what it means from my viewpoint," he said.

Sieck, a farmer, said the Legislature has the authority to raise taxes, an authority that is two years old. He said Sieck, who has sponsored LB 11, a bill designed to raise income taxes from 19 percent to 20 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1985.

The revenue committee that meets Wednesday and Thursday must decide whether to send revenue bills to send to the Legislature next week. They are awaiting Attorney General Robert Spire's opinion on how to proceed.

John Boehm, the chief of legal services, is researching the case. He said he doesn't know if the opinion will be ready this week or next week.

If the opinion isn't forthcoming before the committee must act, Johnson said he doesn't know what he will recommend. Sieck said he is confident that the committee will take some action.

Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner. The Appropriations Committee chairman said a tax increase is critical during the special session. A tax increase next year won't save the 1986-87 budget. "You can't wait that long," he said. He said the only possibilities besides a favorable ruling from the attorney general, which he calls unlikely, would be the ability of the Legislature to muster a two-thirds majority to overrule the governor or if the governor changes his mind.

News Briefs

Excellent faculty

About 50 people gathered at the UNO Thompson Alumni House to honor 17 faculty members during the Profiles of Excellence Reception Thursday, Oct. 10.

Chancellor Del Weber was on hand to recognize faculty members who have earned awards for excellent work in their fields. "I would like to commend all of you for your work," Weber said. "You serve as the core of our university, and that is what makes our university what it is today."

Weber thanked visiting members of the community for their attendance and support. "I wish to welcome those of our community as our special guests," said Weber.

"We are all proud of your hard work and achievements," said Weber. "The university system is blessed to have both great professors and great students."

The recipients of the awards were:

David M. Ambrose, Marketing. Named the John Lucas Professor of Business Administration 1985.

Bruce P. Baker II, English. Appointed Jefferis Professor of English 1971.

Richard H. Blake, Counseling and Special Education. Named Paul Kennedy Professor of Education 1985.

Bing Chen, Electronics/Engineering Technology. Appointed to the Cheryl Prewett Professorship of Engineering Technology 1985.

Donald C. Cushenberry, Teacher Education. Named University of Nebraska Foundation Professor 1985.

Kenneth Deffenbacher, Psychology. Named University of Nebraska Foundation Professor 1980.

Warren Francke, Communication. Awarded the Ralph Wardle Professorship of Arts and Sciences 1985.

John C. Kasher, Physics. Named Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professor of Physics 1981.

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Donald Shult, Physics. Awarded Milo Bail Chair of Physics 1983.

Elroy Steele, Banking and Finance. Named Kayser Professor of Economics 1967.

Peter Suzuki, Public Administration. Named University of Nebraska Foundation Professor 1983.

Vincent Webb, director of Center for Applied Urban Research

and chairperson of the Department of Criminal Justice. Named David Scott Associate Professor of Public Affairs 1985.

Forensic team wins again

The UNO forensic team won first place in the "Spur of the Moment" Speech Tournament sponsored by UNL Oct. 19. Kansas State University won second place, and Creighton University took third place.

One member of the UNO team, Jeff Caniglia, won first place in Dramatic Interpretation and qualified for national competition. Other winners of the UNL tournament:

Persuasion: third place, John Majorek.

Duet Acting: third place, Jeff Caniglia and John Barr.

Prose: third place, Hillary Tripp.

Impromptu Speaking: first place, Bryan Howell; third place, John Majorek.

Extemporaneous Speaking: third place, Bryan Howell.

Poetry: second place, Gail Shonk; third place, Donna Aschoff; finalist, Hillary Tripp.

Dramatic Interpretation: first place, Jeff Caniglia; third place, Sharvonna Williams-Ballard; finalists, Hillary Tripp and Kim Ahrenholtz.

John Majorek's name was inadvertently left off the list of winners of the Creighton Forensic Tournament (Gateway, Oct. 11). Majorek took second place in Oratory at Creighton.

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For more information or application, contact Rosalie at The Gateway, 554-2470, Annex 26.

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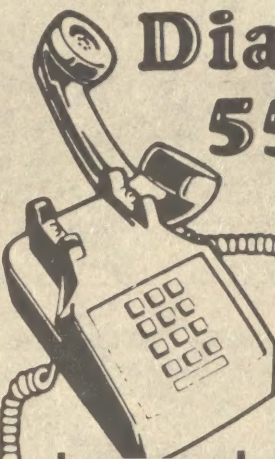
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Lawyer attacks gay/lesbian myths, legal inequities

By PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

"Sexual Orientation and the Law — Unequal Treatment of Lesbians and Gay Men" was the topic of discussion in the Student Center Saturday when a leading authority on gay and lesbian legal issues visited the UNO campus.

Rhonda Rivera, Associate Dean at Ohio State University College of Law, addressed a small group of men and women on the lack of rights which have faced homosexuals in this country during recent years. Her appearance was sponsored by the Nebraska NOW, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, and the Women's Resource Center.

According to Rivera, lesbians and gay men have continued to come up on the short end of legal decisions in this country, despite an increase in information and literature about homosexuality. "Writing about gay issues as a lawyer has probably been about the most depressing thing that has ever happened to me in my life," she said.

Discussing employment rights in the United States, Rivera described the grim situation being faced by lesbians and gay men in the current job market. "Very few Americans understand that you don't have a right to employment in this country," said Rivera. "An employer has an absolute right under our system to fire or hire whoever they want for whatever personal reason they want."

Rivera pointed out that federal and state legislation which that forbids an employer from hiring on the basis of sex, race or religion does not contain the words "sexual orientation" and is not applicable to homosexuality. "This means that if you are a private employee, you have absolutely no protection against being fired if you are gay," she said.

Rivera said that a frequent argument made against hiring lesbians and gay men is that they will "leap upon their co-workers with maddened passion," creating a situation in which the heterosexual employees will have to spend their entire workday fighting off unwanted advances. Heterosexuals have little to fear, said Rivera, because homosexuals generally avoid making an advance toward anyone unless they are absolutely certain they know who they are talking to.

Missing from Rivera's lecture was the word "homosexual." She said she avoids using the word because it contains the word "sexual," which contributes to the misunderstanding that lesbians and gay men are "so erotic that their entire lives are



—Patrick C. Stephenson

Rhonda Rivera

controlled by this mad passion.

"What they forget," said Rivera, "is that we have to get up in the morning, and make breakfast, and walk the dog, and drive the kids to school, and read the newspaper, and go to work, and brush our teeth, and go to the grocery store, and have dinner, and mow the lawn, and we don't have any more time for this maddened eroticism than anyone else."

Discussing sexual relationships between men, Rivera stressed the need to remove any sodomy laws which are still on the books. She said these laws, which were originally aimed at heterosexual as well as homosexual behavior, are now used for the "selective prosecution" of gay men.

"The mythology that anal intercourse is solely a male homosexual behavior is simply not statistically true," said Rivera. "It may be a practice that some people don't approve of, or don't want to engage in themselves — and that's their business — but it is not a homosexual practice per se."

On the issue of AIDS, Rivera said the major problem is a lack of information among the general public. She stressed the point that AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact with someone

who has the disease.

"You can hug them, you can eat with them, you can get in the swimming pool with them. You can't catch AIDS that way," she said. "Now what people who harp on it will say is, 'can you prove that 100 percent certain?' There's nothing scientific that you can prove 100 percent sure."

Rivera also addressed the issue of divorce and the difficulty gay parents encounter when attempting to gain custody of their children. She told her audience that there "probably is no quicker way in a divorce for a person to lose their children than for the other side to walk in (to the courtroom) and shout 'dyke' or 'fag.'"

Rivera said gay parents have been the victim of misinformed courts which believe, among other things, that gay parents will molest their children and encourage them to become homosexual.

"Let me be blunt," said Rivera. "Nobody in their right mind who is a parent would consciously say to their child 'become gay.' Why? Why would you say to your child, 'Suffer. Grow up so you can lose your job. Grow up so you can lose your children. Grow up so people will hate you. That's what I want you to do, kid, grow up that way.' Nobody in their right mind is going to do that."

Rivera, who describes her own three children as "rampaging heterosexuals," said there is no evidence to support the claim that anyone can be "made" into either a homosexual or a heterosexual. At most, she said, an individual's feelings can be suppressed to the point that the person may become removed from any kind of sexual relationship.

Rivera also voiced her disagreement with the idea that gay parents are raising their children in "an immoral atmosphere." She said the fact that a parent is gay should not be a deciding factor in whether or not that person is capable of maintaining a moral upbringing for his or her child.

"There are a lot of people in America who raise children who we don't particularly approve of," said Rivera. "We don't go and take children away from members of the Ku Klux Klan. I don't think they're very nice people and I'm not sure they should be raising children, but the Constitution protects people and their fundamental right to become parents..."

"If the gay parent is the better parent for the child, then they ought to have the kid. The rule, therefore, that the gay rights litigators are pushing for is that sexual orientation should not be a deciding factor, and that sexual behavior should be treated equally."

"If you are a heterosexual couple and you screw in front of your children, that's not appropriate behavior. And if you are a gay couple and you screw in front of your children, that's not appropriate behavior — or other things that are inappropriate behavior by a well-thought-out parent. That's the issue, not the sexual orientation of the parents."

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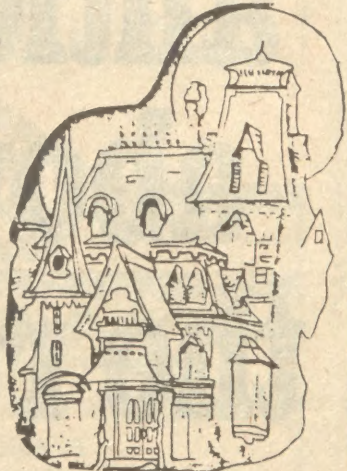
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Leader training will take place Oct. 28 from 7 to 9:45 p.m. The "Kid-Ability" workshops will be held Nov. 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All events will be in the HPER Building, Room 200. Cost is \$7 per child (\$3 per child if a parent is a volunteer leader). Scholarship money is available for qualifying families.

Today is the registration deadline. To register or for more information, call 554-2670.

Parking alert

Due to construction, eight parking stalls at the northwest corner of the Engineering Building will be temporarily closed. This will allow the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle buses to pull out of the traffic lane to load and unload students. The stalls will re-open when construction is completed.

Marching through Mexico

The Outdoor Venture Center is sponsoring a backpacking trip through Mexico during Christmas break. The 15-day trip includes three to five days of backpacking in the *Barranca del Cobre* (Copper Canyon). Participants should have some basic understanding of Spanish, attend pre-trip meetings, be physically fit, have a flexible attitude and be eligible for a tourist card.

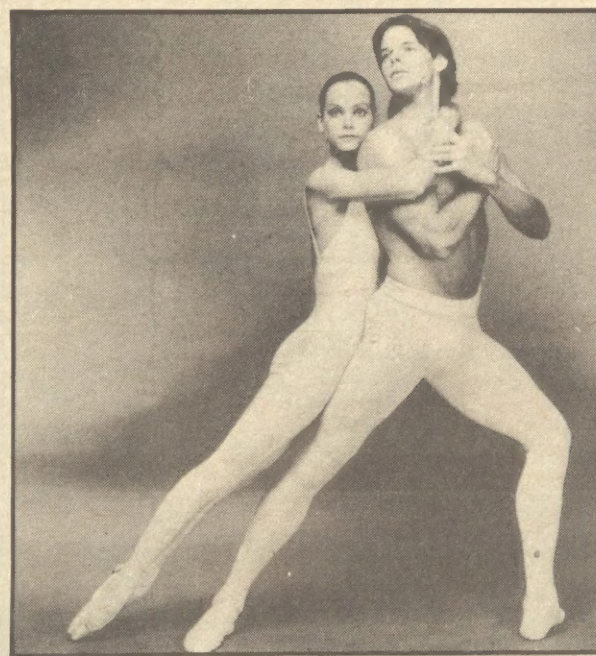
Cost for the trip is \$350; you may want to bring extra money for food and souvenirs. The first mandatory meeting for people wanting to go on the trip is Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in HPER Building Room 102. For more information, contact the Outdoor Venture Center, 554-2539.

Facing professional reality

The UNO chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists today at 1 p.m. is sponsoring a panel discussion by recent journalism graduates now working in the field. The discussion will be in the State Room, third floor of the Student Center.

Any one-minute managers?

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The Student Programming Organization (SPO) and Performing Artists/Omaha are providing half-price tickets for UNO students to the Ballet Eddy Toussaint de Montreal. The Ballet de Montreal performs at the Orpheum Theater Oct. 29, 8 p.m.

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For more information and to register, call the College of Continuing Studies, 554-2391.

Unnatural desires

"Go Wild" with the Outdoor Club Oct. 30 at 8:30 p.m. After meeting in front of the HPER Building, participants will go on an "unnatural" hike through Hummel Park, including stargazing and some frights. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Gymnastics for kids

Growing into Gymnastics, a program for children ages 4-12, begins Nov. 3. Children of UNO students, faculty and staff activity card holders and medical Center activity card holders are eligible to participate. Cost is \$20. Sign-up deadline is Nov. 1. To register and for more information, call Jim Fullerton, 554-2539.

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Comment

Stereotypes of older students call for middle-aged lib

A newspaper clipping found its way into my mailbox, along with an anonymous note. (Not exactly anonymous, but since it was only signed with initials, it might as well have been unsigned.) Usually, unsigned notes deserve to end up in the trash, but I read this one.

A sentence in my Oct. 16 editorial about UNO's image was circled in red. The note read: "Poor, poor judgement! Do mature students fit in with parking problems and last ditch choices? Shame on you! Statistics show that the middle-aged population is now the *majority* — where do the *minority* fit in??"

Never mind that no specific statistics were cited (who says middle-aged people are the majority — Gallup? Lou Harris? The U.S. Census? The note writer?), and never mind that the list included both good and bad aspects of possible UNO images. Advocates of middle-age liberation should be upset at the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature, not at me.

It doesn't seem to matter to them that middle-aged people are the majority. It certainly doesn't matter to them that the average age of UNO students is 26.5 (aren't you tired of reading that? It's true, though. Look it up). What seems to matter is that UNO does not cater to the "traditional" college student — those between the ages of 18 and 22.

Most people have a mental picture of what "college" is really like. Real "college" students don't work full-time, don't go home and feed the kids and do housework, don't have gray hair. Real "college" students live in a dorm or a fraternity or sorority house, work part-time at Whirla-Whip to earn a little extra

pocket money, hit the bars every night, are young, single and have plenty of time for campus activities.

The stereotype works both ways — UNO is sometimes seen as little better than a "community college" (community colleges often get a bad rap for offering "second-class" educations — but that untruth is another editorial) with an apathetic student body, while UNL or Creighton are sometimes portrayed as colleges where young rich kids go to "major in party."

Traditional colleges have another stereotype commuter colleges such as UNO don't — young students, the hope of America's future, will come out after four consecutive years in college ready to take on the world. On such campuses, a 30-year-old undergrad rates a story in the campus paper, and rumor of a the presence of a student who is 50 or over is enough to bring out the TV cameras. A student who is age 65 or older might lure Charles Kuralt to campus for a visit.

UNO, and colleges like it, have a different problem. Even after all the publicity in the last few years about older students, returning students, starting-over students, we (I'm a starting-over student) are seen as people who couldn't make it the first time we were in college or in the working world.

If the members of the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature still cling to any of these stereotypes, no wonder UNO is often ignored or slighted. If that's the case, yes, mature students fit in all too well with parking problems and last-ditch choices.

The older students I know are at UNO not because they were "losers," but because they want to get a good education, ad-

vance in their careers and/or embark upon a second career. Because they came to work and not to party, their grades are as good or better than those of younger students. Unfortunately, it also means there's less time for extracurricular activities such as Student Government or social activities such as concerts.

Older students have one advantage that younger students lack. Middle-aged students have been taxpayers for years. Most of them vote for regents and state senators. Middle-aged students are probably more likely to be taken seriously when letting elected officials know how tax money should be spent.

As for the second question of where the "minority" — younger students — fit in, there's only one answer. If the needs of non-traditional students are neglected, the needs of the traditional student will be neglected sooner or later. The university system serves us *all*, regardless of age. Today's younger student may well be tomorrow's returning middle-aged student.

Younger, more traditional students (and some not-so-traditional younger students who are pulling the same load as their middle-aged classmates) took time Tuesday to speak out against budget cuts in Lincoln. Most students don't have time to participate in this sort of activism. All students have a little time to vote, write letters and make phone calls to their legislators.

I still don't believe that support for education should be dictated according to an image. The least we can do, though, is show the Board of Regents and the Legislature that the stereotypes are incorrect and that UNO cannot be so easily neglected.

—KAREN NELSON

Out of Context by Kevin Cole

A glance at the calendar on my wall, the one adorned by "Miss Rigid Tools," tells me that another month is just about shot and that we are now entering that time of year known as "the holiday season."

If by chance a boy found himself alone for the last leg of the journey, a Hail Mary or two never hurt. Who could be sure all who passed were of this world?

First stop on the holiday agenda is Halloween. Of course, anyone with children or who is around children has been aware for the entire month of October that this unearthly night is fast approaching.

Little minds are jumping with thoughts of witches, ghosts and other assorted goblins. Their conversations are often held in hushed tones that break off into devious titters of laughter, or a guilty silence when an adult approaches.

Older minds remember hazy nights of long-ago populated by wispy figures scurrying to their self-appointed rounds under a partially obscured harvest moon. Curiously quiet figures passed each other in the rustling leaves on such a night, en route to another house beckoning them with the eerie light of a jagged Jack-O-Lantern's smile.

Sure we knew that all this talk of ghouls, vampires, werewolves and other unholy beings was just so much talk, but when it got late, and the streets thinned out that didn't keep us from glancing nervously behind us as we wended our way back home with pillow cases stuffed with candy.

We almost expected the moon to drip blood, the dead to walk among us and to feel the cold clutch of the Grim Reaper on such a night.

And, if by chance, a boy found himself alone for the last leg of the journey home, well, a couple furtive signs of the cross and a Hail Mary or two never hurt. After all, who could be sure all of the shadowy figures that passed were all of this world?

As the years passed, we spent less time searching the Halloween sky for signs of impending evil and gave more thought to creating some ourselves. Our pranks never seemed to

Things that go bump . . .

reach the heroic proportions of dad and his buddies tipping over the outhouse on some unsuspecting old boy, but they were in the same ballpark.

I remember one year we laid a trap for an invading band of ghouls from a nearby neighborhood. It had been their habit to rush down the two-block area we considered our home turf and push and shove their way through the throngs, trampling hedge and flowerbed as they went.

A friend's hedge had taken a particularly bad beating the year before and here we planned our revenge. Just before the knee-high thicket, we dug a wide hole about two feet deep, bedded it with a week's supply of our dogs' business and covered it over with plastic and leaves.

Then we planted ourselves upon the porch to await our prey. They didn't disappoint us. Rather than take the sidewalk and risk losing valuable time, they came charging into our well-prepared trap.

Sacks and bodies hit the ground with a satisfying thud and cries of despair went up soon after when the marauders got a good whiff of each other. The next day we collected a great deal of lost candy as we filled our pit, again covering it with leaves, this time so the huge

gouge wouldn't be discovered until the following spring.

Still later, Halloween turned into a night for more sophisticated happenings like egg fights and costume parties. In the case of the former, sides were drawn up and a battleground, usually some nearby park, was designated.

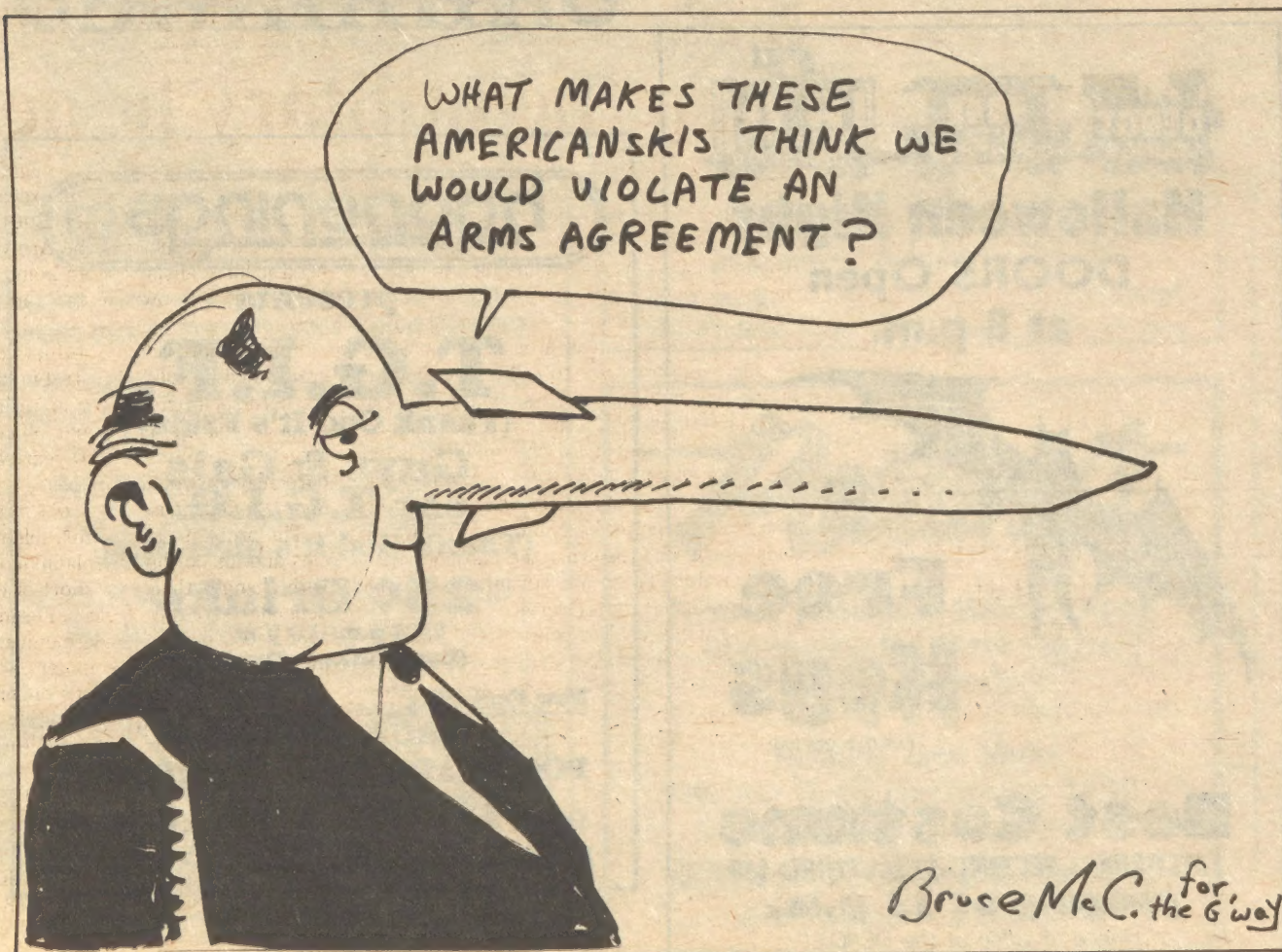
Our shouts of triumph and anguish, as well as a few errant eggs bouncing off houses and cars, always brought the minions of the law to chase us off, but heck, that was part of the fun.

Now, I find myself at the stage where Halloween just means racking my brain to try and come up with an unusual costume for a party.

My mind isn't often filled with thoughts of Ichabod Crane and the headless horseman. I don't expect the moon to drip blood and I'm reasonably sure that those hooded figures scurrying past on the sidewalk are of this world.

Hold it, suddenly a blood-curdling scream has pierced the air here at *The Gateway* office. Could it be the prelude of demons and crazed zombies marching to the din of some unholy drum?

Naw, it's just Karen Nelson reading the latest bits of graffiti I left on the bathroom wall. Oh well, I guess that will have to pass for evil around here.



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Op Ed

'You ever have one of those days last for a week?'

Hey, if I've been a little testy lately, please bear with me. The fabric of my life is disintegrating around me.

Somewhere in the middle of last week the hem started unraveling. The several-million things pending in my other classes were put on hold by a Herculean attempt to apply behavioral determinism to the contrasting principles of Retributivism and Act, Rule and Strict-Rule Utilitarianism, for my Justification of Punishment mid-term.

I split a seam shortly after when, in a vain attempt to keep current in Public Affairs class, my car broke down on the way to Municipal Court.

My car and I were just able to limp home to the tools, where I found waiting for me a terse note from the IRS. It seemed they *still* expected last year's taxes to be paid. The bank overdraft notices that arrived at the same time were a good indication they'd have to wait a bit longer.

Warp and woof separated gradually as I spent most of the next day getting a worm's-eye view of my car's exhaust system. It was important that I fixed it so I could get back and forth to the three jobs I had to play over the weekend. The first one was a frat party somewhere south of Princeton, Neb., which is where I caught the cold.

The other two were fortunately in town. Unfortunately, the band is still in the move-your-

own-equipment stage, which meant spending most of Saturday and Sunday hauling gear. Into the van, up the stairs, onto stage, off the stage, down the stairs and into the van. Twice. I'm not sure how much total tonnage we loaded, but it was more than enough to make us all another day older and deeper in debt. I could almost hear Ernie Ford in the background, and I was thankful I didn't shop at the company store.

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By Monday I found the seersucker suit of life in tatters at my feet . . . just in time to expose my utter unpreparedness for my Philosophy of Religion mid-term. By the time Kierkegaard and the boys were through with me I was stark naked, standing there with my subjective truth hanging out in all its objective uncertainty.

It was only natural in my denuded condition that I stop by Financial Aid to try prying loose some information on my student loan. It was my unsteady reasoning at the time that, since I'd be registering for next semester in two weeks, the money to pay for *this* semester might have arrived.

With no more psychological wraps to tear off, Financial Aid gave me a crew cut with the shears of bureaucratic backlog by informing me that they might get to my particular batch of paperwork next week, maybe. I stumbled out into the cold sunlight feeling like the first day of boot camp, but without the uniform.

It was in that sorry state that I realized I *still* had to cover the Municipal Court for Public Affairs class, so I went downtown to watch an hour's worth of un-recalcitrant drunks squirm before the bench. The perfect end to a perfect week.

Now, I don't want anyone to think I can't handle a little negative synchronicity. Heck, this would all be rolling off me like drool from a baby's chin if I weren't having my period. That admission may raise a few eyebrows, but this is the 20th century after all, boys. If we can't own up to a bit of biological victimization, we don't deserve to be Sensitive American Males.

My personal cycle turns over every five or six weeks . . . it doesn't seem to be connected with the phases of the moon or any other periodic natural phenomena that I can discover, but it does occur with apparent regularity.

I used to think I stayed the same while the world occasionally turned into a festering green bog. I realize now that I turn into a festering green bog every 40 or 50 days; and while the world my get stinkier than usual sometimes, I add my own bit of noxious effluvium with sur-

prising predictability.

All things considered, it's not unusual that my period and the world's might coincide now and then. But as I'm sure the half of humanity whose periods are more frequent and inconvenient than mine will agree, it's the ones that occur at the most inopportune times that you remember. And I'm going to remember this one. It was enough to make a guy downright cranky.

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Anyway, there it is . . . more about my biological functions than anybody ever wanted to know, and a blanket apology to all and sundry for my bad timing. Consider it the first stitch in an attempt to mend my attitude after its cyclic rending.

If the world promises to sweeten up a bit, I promise to be my old even-tempered self again. If it doesn't, I can only hope to find myself the sole passenger on a slow boat to China come the first of December . . . for everybody's sake.

—DAN PRESCHER

This Washington 'Spectator' wants a front-row seat

Washington — This month while the Midwestern countryside burns in a riot of gaudy colors, I am vamoosing to the political swales along the Potomac, and *The American Spectator* is coming with me. The colleagues and I founded it in Indiana in the late 1960s. It is the only national conservative intellectual review since Bill Buckley's *National Review* to survive the fates. Moreover it is one of the very few manifestations of 1960s youth culture to survive with all its marbles, few police records, and no regrets.

Now, 35 of the colleagues who have contributed to it over the years have joined the government of this conservative president. They and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of conservatives have moved to Washington, D.C. The city is in danger of becoming a two-party capital. Democratic pluralism may again be experimented with. Not since the first administration of A. Lincoln have the prospects for violence been so good.

Admittedly, popular and high culture continue to snore under the comforts of orthodoxy. The universities, too, remain bastions of conformity and intolerance, as was recently made manifest by Harvard's timorous reluctance to give R. Reagan an honorary degree when he journeys there to solemnize that virtuous institution's 350 years. In politics, however, change stirs. Democrats such as the Hon. Gephardt of Missouri and the Hon. Bradley of New Jersey have taken up the concerns of bourgeois Republicans. New Age liberals, who until recently had such a blissful time grafting their gripes and fears onto the body politic, now desperately resist the forces of change like the true reactionaries that they are. If R. Reagan's anointed heir wins the presidential palace in 1988 these bogus liberals will be living

the life of Hoover in the Age of Roosevelt. For this event one wants to be at ringside, and that means Washington.

Intellectual reviews such as *The American Spectator* are as different from general circulation magazines as a guerrilla band is from the Salvation Army. They muster writers and thinkers who peer down on history's march and plot to change it. Redolent of the changed times in which we live, the colleagues of *The American Spectator* chose to do their peering and plotting in Washington rather than New York. In most countries culture

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and politics are centered in the same city: London for the British, Paris for the French, Quagadougou for the Burkinabe. In American culture has centered in New York, leaving Washington for the Machiavels. As recently as 15 years ago an intellectual review with culture on the mind would hardly locate in Washington. This is no longer true.

The growing pervasiveness of politics in American life has made Washington more important than ever before. Lobbyists rise up and come to Washington. Writers are doing the same.

When Irving Kristol, that aboriginal New York intellectual, founded his new journal, *The National Interest*, he founded it in Washington. *The American Spectator* has made similar calculations. Once most of our writers lived within the effluvia of New York City. Now most live by the Potomac, along with a growing community of policy makers, musicians, artists, and chefs — all the venerable figures of modern urban life.

New York's slippage is tied not only to the rise of politics but also to the lifeless cultural orthodoxy that hangs over that city like smog. Call it post-modernism, avant-gardism, or progressivism; it is on its last legs, stifled by morbidity, sentimentalism, and a vast catatonic trance where discernment ought to be. A culture which serves up art that is aesthetically negligible and literature that is a laugh when not a snore cannot survive unchallenged in a free society.

America remains free. That was the crucial mistake that the New Age liberals made when they reigned supreme. They fixed upon us many of the attributes of a Third World country, but they neglected to make us a one-party state. The people continued to vote, and they voted the New Age down. Culture, of course, is more resistant to change. It becomes institutionalized under is autocrats, as in France in the days of Napoleon III. But along came Manet and his Salon des Refuses of 1863, and change set in. So it is in America today. Change is in the air, and the place to be is in Washington, where it is already under way.

Note: R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. is editor-in-chief of *The American Spectator*.

—R. EMMETT TYRRELL, JR.

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'Rivalry can help civilians keep the military honest'

Washington — When two such distinguished hawks as Barry Goldwater and Sam Nunn say our military system is broke and needs fixing, you have to sit up and pay attention.

The two senators, chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate Armed Services Committee respectively, have produced a report that calls for disbanding the Joint Chiefs of Staff and drastically reorganizing and integrating the present system of independent military services.

They would shake up the entire military structure to end interservice rivalry and streamline the chain of command. The Pentagon's initial reaction to this revolutionary idea was predictably hostile. It is not known for its willing embrace of new ideas. The Department of Defense wants to concentrate on its budget problems on Capitol Hill, not defend itself against an assault upon the efficiency of its bureaucracy.

Actually, Goldwater and Nunn are not in this alone. The House Armed Services Committee is already considering a bill that would also overhaul the military structure. Although it aims at the same goal, it takes a different approach by strengthening the powers of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs over the four services.

Goldwater and Nunn would replace the Joint Chiefs with a supposedly more independent

council of retired military advisors, on the theory that they would be detached from their original service loyalties and therefore more capable of determining the common good.

At first glance, this sounds like sensible reform. Stories of inefficiencies due to top-heavy military hierarchy and competition between the services abound. In fact, when Gen. David Jones retired as chairman of the Joint Chiefs in 1982, he publicly complained that inter-service squabbling was jeopardizing the national defense.

There is undoubtedly room for improvement in the military system. During the invasion of

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Grenada, Army paratroopers couldn't call for Naval gunfire support because their radios were incompatible with the Navy's. There was no unified command on the ground; the two

services invaded as separate entities. The abortive Iranian hostage rescue mission failed in part because the services disagreed on planning and equipment.

The military's period of riding high in clearly ending. The public consensus behind the president's enormous defense spending program has collapsed, a victim of stories about \$500 toilet seats and pressure to reduce the budget deficits. The public wants its money's worth not just in weapons but in the strategic planning behind them. Criticism of the military is no longer equated with being soft on communism.

But a reorganization of the military system on the scale proposed by Nunn and Goldwater sounds a little like throwing the baby out with the bath water. There are advantages as well as disadvantages to inter-service rivalry.

For one thing, civilian control over the military is easier when the services keep each other honest. If the military brass spoke with one voice on Capitol Hill, like parroting clones, Congress would have a more difficult time ferreting out fraud, waste and abuse, to say nothing of deciding which weapons systems are turkeys.

The services also have differing needs that can best be adjudicated by a Secretary of Defense and a Congress that hear directly from the leaders of those services. In any overall melding of forces, somebody wouldn't be heard.

The Navy, for instance, might be willing to give up an aircraft carrier in exchange for something else in a tight budget. But that extra carrier might be crucial to the Army, which might need it for transport from point A to point B. "We want our own voice," an Army officer says.

Furthermore, it is doubtful that any military czar would be totally neutral in his attitude toward the services, even in retirement. As a practical matter, no former officer is going to forget the loyalties of a 30-year-career. Service parochialism would still exist; it would just go underground. It is better out in the open.

The problems of incompatible radio frequencies and uncoordinated planning can be solved with changes that stop short of ending the independence of the services. For instance, inter-agency boards can mandate universal standards for interchangeable equipment.

Clearer and shorter lines of command would be an improvement but surely that can be achieved through specific institutional reforms rather than a total upheaval.

Overall, however, Nunn and Goldwater have embarked upon a healthy enterprise. They have highlighted a debate that should keep the military on its toes and educate civilians about the internal workings of our national defense.

—MARIANNE MEANS

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Cosmic expert explains mystery of Halley's

By MARCIA GAWECKI

Once called hairy stars and omens of doom, comets were misunderstood by our ancestors.

These fears stemmed from ignorance and lack of equipment to plot them, said Debra Byrd. Byrd was lecturing on Halley's Comet Friday at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

Byrd is the writer and producer of the nationally-syndicated radio series, "Star Date" that airs on KVNO at 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. She spoke with an elaborate slide presentation.

Since there were no photographs in earlier days, Halley's Comet was depicted in paintings. One such painting showed Halley as a "sword of fire."

This ancient comet wasn't named Halley until 1682, when the astronomer Edmund Halley plotted its orbit and predicted it would return 76 years later in 1758. It reappeared on Christmas Day, as he predicted, but Halley didn't live to see it come true, said Byrd.

Byrd defined a comet as made loosely of ice, dust and gas. The nucleus, or the core, contains the ice and dust that extends three miles

across. The tail, or comma, is a large cloud of gas that can extend up to 100,000 miles, said Byrd.

According to the brochure she handed out, "Halley's is streaking back for its 76-year rendezvous with our sun — the star that binds it in orbit."

Most comets don't return as often, if at all. Halley's is special since it only takes 76 years to pass through our solar system, she said.

Once comets have passed by, they leave behind debris, or a meteor shower. One unique aspect, said Byrd, is that the showers can occur a year after the comet has appeared.

Since Halley only appears once every 76 years, which seems to be the average human life span, few people get to witness the comet twice, said Byrd. She plans on showing Halley to her two girls, aged 2 and 5, giving them the opportunity to see it twice.

"Halley will get brighter as it gets closer to the earth's atmosphere. It won't be as bright as it was in 1910, but it grazed the earth's atmosphere then," she said.

You can watch Halley with a standard pair of

binoculars, she added.

Halley's Comet will be easy to detect on Nov. 15 in the midnight sky. When it passes two degrees south of Pleiades, a small cluster of stars resembling the little dipper, it will be directly overhead at midnight, she said.

Byrd suggests that you get away from the lights of the city to do your star-gazing. You'll get a much better view in the country, she said.

"If you are serious about watching Halley's Comet, go as far south as possible," said Byrd. Then she invited the audience to watch it at the McDonald Observatory in Austin, Texas, where she is employed.

Halley will be visible in January to the west after sunset, near the planet Jupiter. However, if there is a moon in the sky, you won't be able to see it. It won't be visible again until late February, when Halley passes behind the sun, she said.

March and April are the best months to see the comet. "It will be the most spectacular then," she said.

Three space crafts have been launched to

observe Halley's Comet. A Japanese spacecraft will be passing within 60,000 miles of the comet.

The Vega, which means "Venus" and "Halley" in Russian, is the Soviet spacecraft that will come within 6,000 miles of the comet, she said.

The Giotto, launched by the European Space Agency, will come within 300 miles of Halley, the closest of the three.

The Giotto hopes to take pictures of the comet's nucleus, which has never been taken before. However, since it comes so close, it risks a good chance of being destroyed by debris, she said.

All space crafts will reach Halley's orbit approximately at the same time in March, 1986. There has been a cooperative effort among these nations. The Soviets will reach the comet first and will relay information to the Europeans, said Byrd.

If you want more information on Halley or any other comet, planet or star, write to Debra Byrd at the McDonald Observatory News, RLM 15.308 N, Austin, TX 78712.

Health Notes

Beating stress before it beats you

The middle of the semester is here. Freshmen are wondering what they've gotten themselves into, and seniors are repeating, "If I can just get through this semester..."

The life of a college student — it seems there's always something that needs to be written, studied for, or researched. And that's just the academic side of things.

Most students at UNO have other responsibilities as well. Whether it's participating in athletics, being actively involved in clubs and organizations, or working to pay the rent, the life of a college student can be full of stressful events.

It's important to realize, however, that all stress is not bad. Not one of us would be alive today if we didn't experience a certain amount of stress.

Hans Selye is the researcher who documented specific changes that occur in the body's physiology when undergoing stress. He defines stress as "the nonspecific response of the body to any demand made upon it."

These demands include both good things (like passing your chemistry exam) and bad things (like getting a parking ticket).

Both types of stress trigger the same physiological response in the body. In essence, the body prepares itself for "flight or fight." Blood pressure increased, adrenaline shoots through the body, digestion slows, and muscles tense.

The good or positive stress can pep you up and lead to healthy relaxation. It is the buildup of bad or unrelieved stress that can lead to trouble.

As Jan Markell, author of *Overcoming Stress*, said, "Our age is characterized by fierce competition, busyness and aggressiveness. The race is against time and in pursuit of success. Noise pollution, overcrowding, change, lack of privacy, schedules, deadlines, budgets and appointments further complicate our lives. We must take action to protect ourselves from destructive stress."

But how can we prevent this unproductive stress from hind-

ering our performance in life and dangerously interfering with our health?

Maintaining a balanced life is the key. Unfortunately, many of us may not know how to go about this healthy balancing. There are several areas of life that often get out of balance, either because of too much emphasis or not enough. Markell suggests checking the following areas to see if your life needs readjustment:

*Rest. This includes more than just sleep. Rest can be sitting back and thinking pleasant thoughts, taking a walk, or calling a friend. The attitude is what's important — it must be one of contentment and quiet.

Markell and other researchers report that those who have incorporated an exercise program into their schedules tend to experience quieted emotions and less troubled sleep.

Rest for the soul is also important. "Soul weariness" is nothing new to the 20th century, but it is definitely prevalent. It results from a deep unrest of the mind and heart that can't be healed by mere sleep or relaxation.

*Work and Studies. We need to keep the right perspective on our work and studies. While work is good, it should never keep us too preoccupied. The stress associated with overwork is destructive. The person who works hard must learn to play hard, too.

*Recreation. "Leisure is not a luxury, but a necessity." It

gives us a necessary change of pace. Frequent changes of scenery and activity renew our vitality and ease stress if they are in restful environments.

*Exercise. Markell and other researchers report that those who have incorporated an exercise program into their schedules tend to experience quieted emotions and less troubled sleep. Additionally, a general feeling of well-being is often the reward for sticking to a consistent program of physical conditioning.

*Relaxation. Many of us assume that rest and relaxation are one and the same thing. Rest may be a more passive activity while relaxation requires a conscious effort; relaxation is a learned technique. It must be practiced faithfully in order to achieve maximum results. By systematically tensing and relaxing various muscle groups, we can learn to lower the level of stress.

*Nutrition. A poor diet can counteract much of the good we are doing to combat stress in other areas of our lives. Too much sugar or caffeine in the diet can lead to fatigue, irritability, restlessness, and frazzled nerves.

Stress itself depletes our bodies of important vitamins and minerals — mainly the full complement of B vitamins. However, Dr. Jean Mayer is quick to emphasize that these vitamins can be replenished with foods or a multivitamin supplement at the most. He said the so-called "stress formula" vitamin preparations have few benefits except to the promoters' pocketbooks.

In addition to maintaining a balance of rest, relaxation, work, leisure, exercise, and proper nutrition, there are hundreds of techniques for dealing with stress.

Obviously, they can't all be presented here. But a trip to the library, bookstore, enrollment in a stress management class or seminar, and a visit with your physician are excellent ways to begin taking control of your life.

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Chatter, 'fluff' and lack of horror drains 'Dracula'

Is it the time of year when howling dogs make you nervous? In the dark does your mind conjure up pictures of bats and men in capes with white faces and fangs dripping blood?

Then you're in luck, for it's time to see *Dracula* at the Norton Theater. The show runs Oct. 24 through Nov. 2, but spooks and ghouls will be especially interested in the midnight performance on Oct. 26. Mortals are encouraged to disguise themselves by wearing costumes that night.

Dracula preys on the nostalgia buffs rather than horror fiends. Is there anyone so innocent as to not have heard Bram Stoker's tale of the Ruler of the Undead (if so, the count would

appreciate the innocent's address), and his battle with Dr. Van Helsing over the soul of Lucy Seward?

Review

Dracula is slinky and sexy as portrayed by Thomas Enckell. Unfortunately, he is not on stage nearly as often as his antagonists.

David Dechant is good as Van Helsing, perhaps a little too good, for he triumphs in the end. He suffers from the malaise that has proved the undoing of too many crusaders —

he talks a lot! An audience would much rather be frightened than explicated to death.

Lucy is pretty and vacant (or pretty vacant, if you prefer). Her soul is being drained away and *Dracula* is in danger of getting diabetes. The yards and yards of chiffon in Kim McDaniel-Robuck's gown cannot begin to encompass the fluffiness of her character.

One had to feel sorry for poor Renfield — his keeper, played by Kevin Phillips, kept stealing all the scenes. The heavy-handedness of Jonathan Warman in the role of Renfield did render it difficult to believe the fly-eaters could scale sheer walls. Surely the dragginess he lent to the part must pull him down.

Directors always seem to have a deuce of a time with *Dracula*. They never make a strong choice to go for camp or reality. In the days of *Halloween* and *Friday the 13*, campiness seems by far the better choice. Too bad director Richard D. Adkins decided to play it straight. The actors had no fun at all with their lines.

Still, it's a spunky idea. *Dracula* in October, with the leaves blowing down the streets, and the moon casting a pale glow through the fog. For those who see the possibilities in an event and can add a few embellishments of their own, *Dracula* at the Norton might be just the ticket.

—PATTI DALE

'Commando' captures mega-violence, sense of humor

In order to be a ninja-war-rescue movie fan, doesn't mean you have to be a movie critic. You just have to have a quick eye (to catch all the action) and a strong stomach (to hold all the violence). Add a sense of humor, which this type of movie usually tries to avoid, and you'll be a *Commando* fan.

Although *Commando* is crammed with graphic violence and action, it also contains hilarious one-liners — which I think are intentionally meant to be funny.

The movie's only real downfall is that it contains a thin, predictable plot. However, this doesn't mean the movie isn't fun to watch. The characters are stereotyped, as in a comic book script, with the good and bad guys clearly defined.

The central character, played by Arnold Schwarzenegger, is Col. John Matrix, a retired leader of a special operations strike force.

The audience is introduced to Schwarzenegger, muscles first. The camera slowly pans from his bulging bicep across his pectorals, to finally, his face. This is while he nonchalantly carries a log, about the size of a telephone pole, down the mountainside.

The scene shifts to showing what a "good guy" Matrix is. He eats ice cream, pets deer and fishes with his daughter, Jenny (Alyssa Milano).

Matrix's mission is to hurdle overwhelming odds and endure bone-crunching stunts in order to almost single-handedly take on a dictator's private army, who kidnaps Jenny.

Matrix displays his ninja-like passion for abusing his body, by jumping from a passenger plane, going about 150 mph, into a shallow marsh, about 1,000 feet below.

The audience wasn't convinced when he got up, as if he just dove off a low diving board. Amazing stunts like these account for the casting of *Commando*'s 54 stunt men.

The plot uses the Rambo-Chuck Norris-style premise, where the main character goes beyond enemy lines in order to rescue a person who is incapable of escaping himself.

General Arius (Dan Hedaya) is the would-be dictator of Val Verde, whom Matrix ousted from power years before Arius

wants to overthrow the current democratically-elected president.

Arius and one of Matrix's former men, Bennett (Vernon Wells) kidnap Jenny in order to insure that Matrix kills the president and Arius is returned to power. Matrix has no intention of carrying out these plans. His only goal is to rescue Jenny — and he is definitely driven.

Rae Dawn Chong (*Quest for Fire*) plays Cindy, a stewardess who is kidnapped by Matrix in order to steal her car. She is funny and believable as Schwarzenegger's wise-cracking sidekick.

In the beginning of the movie, Matrix uses her as his "wheel man." They demolish her little red sports car while in pursuit of another of Arius' men who may lead them to Jenny. Cindy offers to help Matrix after seeing a wallet photo of cute little Jenny.

Review

As the movie progresses, Rae Dawn moves from screaming and closing her eyes every time she barely sideswipes a car during the chase, to becoming a bona-fide green beret.

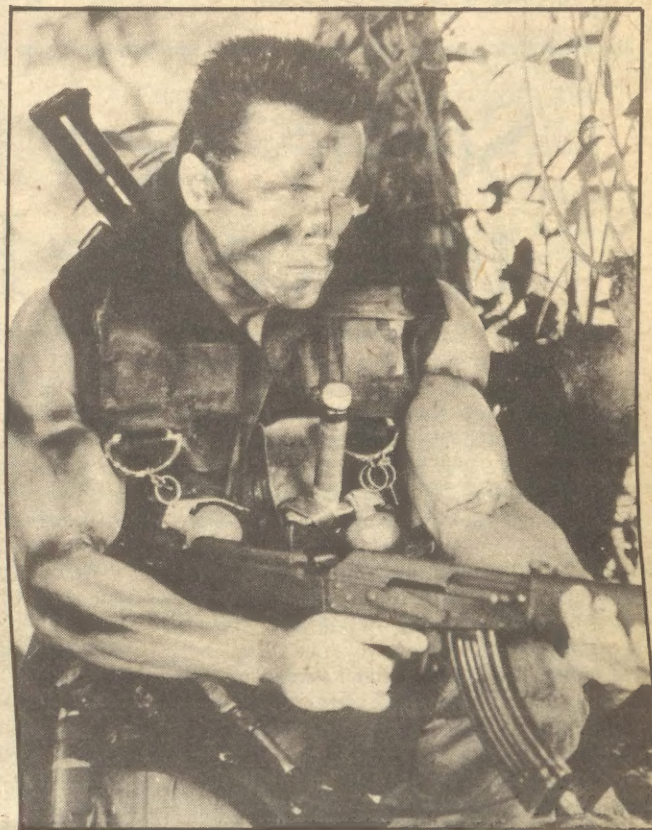
She fires a shoulder-powered missile at police in order to rescue Matrix. He later asks her how she knew to fire the weapon, and she replies, "I read the directions."

Commando surpasses Schwarzenegger's *The Terminator* in action, but lacks the complex plot. Schwarzenegger has more lines than he does in *The Terminator* and we're able to see more fault in his acting abilities. He is less believable as Matrix than he was as a cyborg (machine man). Matrix plays a smiling terminator.

If you enjoy Saturday morning *Super Hero* cartoons, graphic violence and war movies, you're in luck — this has it all.

You must be able to watch arms being cut off, heads sliced in half and definitely stomach the sight of blood.

—LAURA GAWECKI



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Sports



—Roger Tunis

Maverick field goal unit practices for Saturday's home game against Northern Colorado.

Some 'new faces' to face the Bears

By ERIC OLSON

The UNO football team's starting offensive unit will have some new faces tomorrow when the Mavericks play Northern Colorado in a 7:30 p.m. game at Caniglia Field.

Head coach Sandy Buda shuffled the starting lineup hoping the Mavs respond after a 23-20 loss to previously winless Augustana in Sioux Falls, S.D., last Saturday. "We're still looking for the right combination," Buda said. "We've been a Jekyll-and-Hyde team. We played alternately bad and well, and we still had a chance to win the game."

The offensive alterations include moving junior Steve Macaitis ahead of starter Gerald Kellogg at running back. At fullback, sophomore Steve Sliva goes ahead of Jeff Hardick, who will share the No. 2 spot with senior Mark Gurley. Backup right guard Jim Hertel will start at left guard in place of sophomore Tim Messman. Art Thirus will be the No. 2 right guard behind Scott Caldwell.

The Mavericks dropped to 2-3 in the North Central Conference (NCC) and 4-3 overall after last Saturday's loss. Augustana's Ken Seibel kicked a 28-yard field goal with 4:33 left for the game-winning score. The Vikings took advantage of some untimely UNO turnovers and used two big plays to get their first win in the series against UNO since 1977, ending a string of seven straight losses.

"We've had a lot of turnovers, and they've come at really bad times, which makes it even worse," Buda said.

Jeff Hardick led UNO's rushing attack with 82 yards on 20 carries. Kellogg added 45 yards.

Buda, who has said all season that UNO's youth may hinder it in its search for a third straight NCC title, believes Northern Colorado is similar to the Mavs. The Bears are 1-4 in the NCC and 1-6 overall.

"We'll be facing a team with similar problems Saturday," he said. "They are also struggling

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Mav future lies in youth

By TIM JENSEN

Most good football programs are built on depth. To have depth, a team needs two or three quality players at each position who can be called into a game at any time and be expected to perform well.

All the while that the UNO Maverick coaching staff works with its players, it is building for the future of the team. Those younger players who are third, fourth, or fifth string may not get to play in many varsity games, but they are learning and growing to prepare themselves for future seasons when they may be called into a game to play.

Most major college football programs have junior varsity programs. These programs are specifically designed to develop the younger players for a starting position on the varsity squad in seasons to come. UNO has a junior varsity team, and this season they are undefeated so far with a 3-0 record. The junior Mavs have defeated Wayne State 15-0, Missouri Western 22-20, and Highland Junior College 34-3.

"They're doing great," said head coach Sandy Buda. "We hope they make it four and 0 next week." The junior Mavs play Ellsworth Junior College in Ellsworth, Iowa Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Buda said having a winning bunch of players back next season from an undefeated JV team will give the Mavs experienced people to start next season with.

Maverick coaching assistants scout local high school players and look at scouting reports on players around the nation during the Maverick's season. But Buda said not much attention is

given to any specific players until after the Mav football season is over.

"We won't know what positions we need to fill until the end of the season," said Buda. "Then we will try to recruit the players we need for depth at a certain position." He said the initial contacts with many high school prospects are sometimes unprofitable because the players want to take a chance at getting recruited by a Division I college, like Nebraska or Oklahoma.

"When we go back to these players for a second or third visit and they still haven't heard anything from those Division I schools, then they want to sit down and talk seriously with us," said Buda. "We don't usually recruit a lot of junior college players, but we give them a look because we might need depth at a certain position."

This season the Mavericks are a "young and fun bunch of players" as Buda said, but next year that youth and fun should pay off in depth and experience.

The Mavs will return at least 12 players on offense next season with some starting experience, and at least 14 defensive players with starting experience. Both of this season's starting quarterbacks, Rick Majerus and Scott Jamieson, will return next season, and most of this season's starting offensive backfield will return next year.

While Buda has high hopes for the future of Maverick football, his attention is still focused on this season. "We want to win our last four games and go eight and three. We're not bagging any seniors to get the younger kids playing time. If we make any changes it's because they need to be made."

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Buda is 'still looking for the right combination'

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and are very young." Mankato State defeated the Bears 37-25 last Saturday.

Northern Colorado's strength appears to be its passing game. Loren Snyder directs the attack, passing for 1,596 yards and 12 touchdowns. Senior Kim Boerma is the Bears' leading receiver with 60 catches for 851 yards and seven TDs.

The passing attack averages 240 yards per game, but the rushing game has produced just 33.6 a game.

Defensively, Northern Colorado has given up over 35 points a game.

The Bears' youth is evidenced by its two-

deep roster. It includes 13 freshmen, 12 sophomores, 14 juniors and just four seniors.

The Mavericks' players of the week are senior split end James Quaites and junior linebacker Darin Lintner. Quaites had seven receptions for 126 yards. Lintner was in on 13 tackles — eight solo and five assisted. He also had a fumble recovery and broke up a pass.

Buda praised senior center Jerry Kripal and Caldwell. On defense, Buda said sophomore Scott Johnson and junior Jim Nekola, both tackles, played well. Buda also praised punter Jeff Podraza, who averaged 45.6 yards on five kicks.

The Mavs came out of the Augustana game

with no serious injuries.

The loss at Augustana ended almost all UNO hopes for a repeat NCC title. South Dakota, St. Cloud State, North Dakota State and South Dakota State each have 4-1 conference records. UNO, Morningside and Mankato State are bunched at 2-3 followed by North Dakota, Augustana and Northern Colorado at 1-4.

Statistically, the Mavs have outscored their opponents 131-127 through seven games. UNO has dominated the first and fourth quarters, outscoring the opposition 25-13 and 47-22 in each, respectively. The Mavs have been topped 50-35 and 42-24 in the second and third quarters, respectively.

Hardick leads the Mavs in rushing statistics with 405 yards on 77 carries. Kellogg is next with 268 yards and Gurley has 135.

Scott Jamieson leads the team in passing with 541 yards on a 44-percent completion rate. Sophomore Rick Majerus has thrown for 605 yards at a 40-percent rate.

Quaites leads UNO receivers with 28 catches for 451 yards. Terry Allen has 27 receptions for 309 yards.

Defensively, Lintner has 89 tackles — 47 unassisted and 42 assisted. Damon McClinton has 58 tackles followed by Mark Watkins (57) and Keith Coleman (56).

College and Pro Picks

by Eric Lindwall

Last week Eric hit on 67 percent of his predictions. For the season his average stands at 73 percent.

The suspense finally comes to an end tonight in the mythical Kingdom of Quivira.

For the past several weeks many midlanders have speculated as to the identity of this year's Ak-Sar-Ben royalty. Although the secret is closely guarded, painstaking research has uncovered those most likely to be honored tonight.

While many insist it's Peggy Owen of Omaha, I believe the 91st Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben is Melissa Schorr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schorr III of Lincoln. Joining her on the throne as king will be one of at least a half dozen deserving men in the Omaha area.

Dr. Arnold Lempka is a strong possibility, as is UNO benefactor W.A. Strauss and Mr. James Paxton. Regardless of who is crowned king and queen tonight, Omaha can feel proud to be the home of Ak-Sar-Ben, the largest organization of its kind in the world and contributor of more than \$1 million to worthy causes annually.

The following is a look at this weekend's foot-

ball games:

Colorado at Nebraska — The Buffs are a much improved team this year, featuring a new wishbone offense that has carried Colorado to a 5-1 record.

The Buffalo passing attack is suspect, however, and the Huskers generally fare better against run-oriented teams. Look for Nebraska to shut down Colorado's running game and get its sixth victory of the season for the homecoming crowd tomorrow. Nebraska 41-14.

Ohio State at Minnesota — Buckeye Heisman Trophy candidate Keith Byars is healthy again and that spells trouble for Lou Holtz and his surprising Minnesota football team. The Gophers only loss this year was a 13-7 opening-day decision against Oklahoma, but Minnesota fans will probably end up disappointed again Saturday afternoon. Ohio State appears to have the advantage in every aspect of this matchup, except maybe coaching. Ohio State 28-17.

Texas at SMU — There is no love lost between these two teams, and tomorrow's game promises to be another physical contest. Texas upset Arkansas 15-13 last week, but suffered

several key injuries.

SMU may have a powerful enough offense to crack Texas' solid defense that has kept the Longhorns in many games this year. SMU 20-10.

Other college games this week include: Iowa 44, Northwestern 17; Oklahoma 31, Iowa St. 9; Oklahoma St. 28, Kansas 24; Missouri 24, Kansas St. 14; Michigan 34, Indiana 7; Arkansas 27, Houston 10; Notre Dame 24, USC 17; Illinois 31, Wisconsin 14; Georgia 24, Kentucky 21; BYU 45, UTEP 13; Maryland 28, Duke 21; UCLA 21, California 14; Pittsburgh 24, Navy 23; Texas A&M 33, Rice 21; Baylor 31, TCU 13; Air Force 31, Utah 17; Hawaii 24, New Mexico 20; and UNO 28, Northern Colorado 17.

NFL

Houston at St. Louis — The Cardinals aren't playing nearly as well as their baseball counterparts this season, but should get back on the winning track at home Sunday.

The Oilers looked good in beating the Bengals 44-27 last week, but the Cardinals need this game to stay competitive in the NFC east. St. Louis 31-21.

Denver at Kansas City — The Broncos slipped by with a victory over Seattle in overtime last week, despite scoring fewer than 15

points for the second consecutive week. John Elway hasn't lost his touch, but NFL defensive backs have learned to adjust to his pass-on-the-run style.

Watch for the Chiefs to avenge their loss to the Rams last week with a victory over the division leading Broncos. Kansas City 28-17.

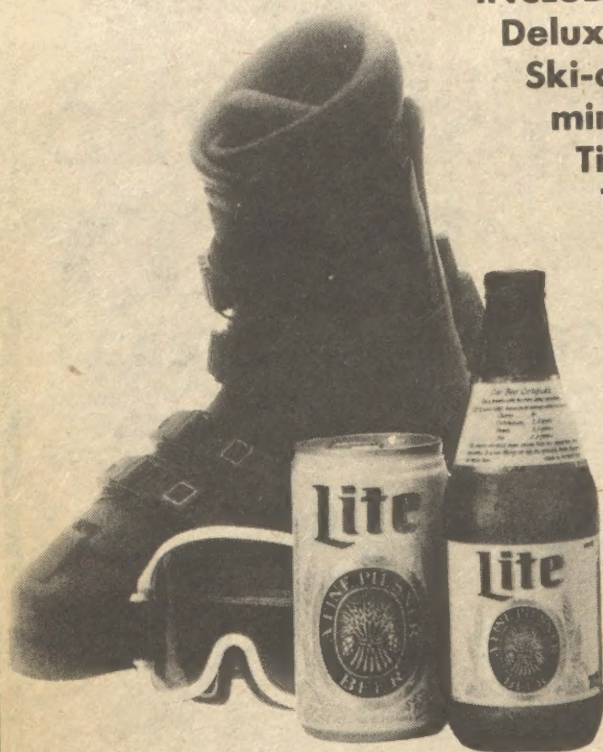
Indianapolis at Green Bay — If Lynn Dickey can stay healthy the Packers can finish the season with a winning record. Green Bay has a decent defense, but has been victimized by turnovers and miscues on offense.

The Pack played well against undefeated Chicago Monday night, but still lost 23-7. Green Bay needs to eliminate its mistakes to become a winning team again and the Colts are just the right opponent to give the Pack its confidence back. Green Bay 27-17.

Other NFL games this week include: Philadelphia 31, Buffalo 21; Dallas 24, Atlanta 14; New England 31, Tampa Bay 30; Miami 28, Detroit 14; NY Jets 21, Seattle 17; Cleveland 21, Washington 20; San Francisco 28, LA Rams 24; Pittsburgh 24, Cincinnati 13; NY Giants 24, New Orleans 10; LA Raiders 28, San Diego 21 and this week's Upset Special, Minnesota 24, Chicago 21.

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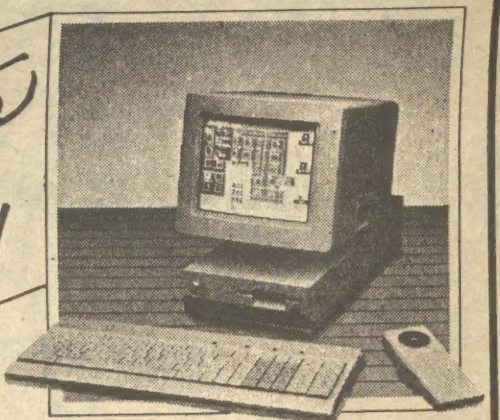
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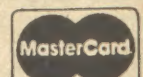
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Sports Opinion *Hello Omaha! Do you know we exist?*

Why do people expect the Nebraska Cornhuskers to have a tough game with the 0-5 Missouri Tigers while at the same time expecting the UNO Mavericks to have an easy game with the 0-5 Augustana Vikings? Head football coach Sandy Buda faced this same question last Friday at the weekly Maverick football luncheon at Anthony's restaurant.

While giving his weekly pregame analysis, Buda said a member of the audience commented on how his team should have an easy day in Sioux Falls, S.D. "Wait a minute," said Buda. He said everybody was talking about how Nebraska has to be careful going down to Missouri or they could get upset. He said UNO and Nebraska both have young football teams and both are going to play winless teams, that are of obvious less caliber.

"If they have to be worried then why don't we have to worry?" said Buda. "I don't understand that."

The answer to that question, coach, is that Nebraskans are indoctrinated since birth to think that Cornhusker football is as fantastic as baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, or uninhibited sex. If people psych themselves to believe that a football team can beat the godlike Huskers, they can feel much more imagined pride when their team does win. Isn't that the strangest thing?

I would venture to say that half of the male children born in the state of Nebraska and perhaps a fair portion of the female children are bestowed at birth with a wish that they might someday escalate the evolutionary ladder to become that perfect idolized creature known as a Nebraska Cornhusker. It seems

that every football season some truly innovative journalist in Big Red country provides all the eager Husker addicts with a story of a poor little boy in western Nebraska or a young man ravaged by personal problems and physical defects who claws and scratches his way out of his environment and passes through the Pearly Gates into Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Why would any right-thinking person care about the minuscule efforts of the little bitty Division II UNO Mavericks? Guys who play football at UNO are mere human beings. No proud father wishes for his newborn son to grow up and play football at UNO. I would agree that Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne are both good people, but to listen to some Husker fans talk, these two men hold the key to the meaning of life.

Not only is the Big Red football team held in ridiculously high esteem, likewise are most other Big Red sports. The recent scandal with Moe Iba and his early practices brought responses from devoted fans like, "Every college does that," or "So what. He didn't hurt anything," or "What kind of demonic student paper would attack it's own team?"

Nebraska basketball would hold no attraction if Osborne's boys didn't exist. The football fans need something to do between the last regular season game and the bowl game. By then the basketball team has proven it lacks the talent and/or extensive budget that the football team has.

UNO has no such problem. All the sports at UNO are suffering

from a severe lack of interest. Student attendance is a large part of the problem. Since most UNO students work and/or have families, perhaps their recent complacency is permissible. But I don't think a higher percentage of students have entered family life or taken on extra employment this year than have in the past.

Nebraska may have good football players, but it is not the football capital of the nation or the world. If it was, UNO would have a whole lot more fans in the stands for their games. Cornhusker fans are participating in an annual fad not much more important than pet rocks or hula hoops, just longer-lasting.

Athletic coaches shouldn't worry about how or why Omaha sports fans think the way that they do. If you look at past and present Omaha sports teams, you would notice teams with habitual failure at the ticket box. The Omaha Royals, the Kansas City -Omaha Kings, the Omaha Mustangs past and present, The Omaha Knights, Creighton Bluejay sports, and UNO sports have all suffered from a lack of fan participation.

Why Cornhusker games in Lincoln continually sell out while Omaha teams fail to fill half the seats is a mystery. If a change is going to occur in this town it better happen soon because the people who coach in this town, and the people who bring semi-pro sports into this town, will not remain here long with the current lack of enthusiasm.

—TIM JENSEN

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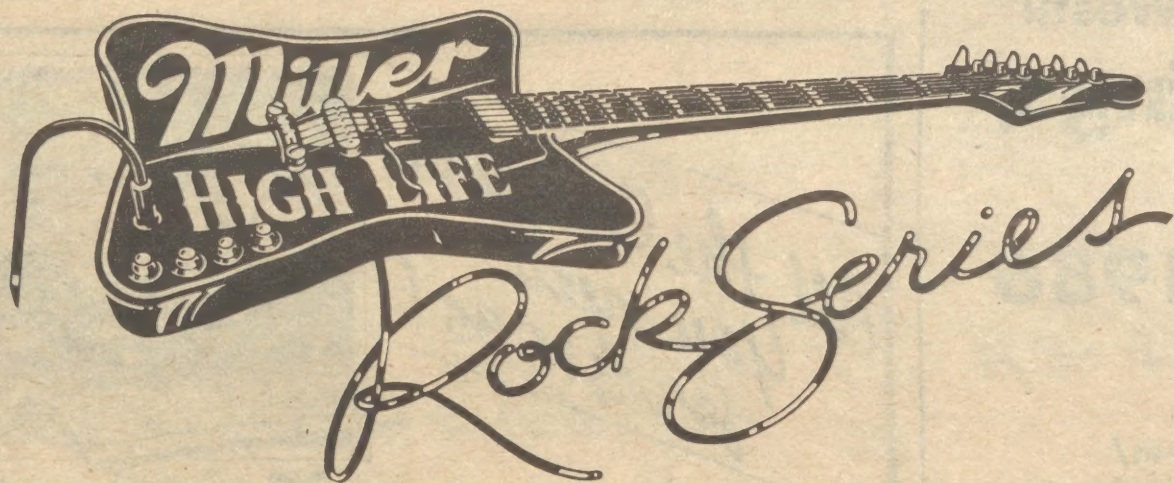
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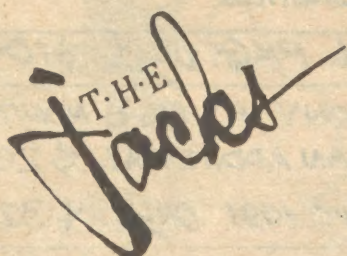
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